

***Foster, Adoption, &  
Kinship Services***

***Homeless  
Continuum of Care***

***Transportation  
Coalition***

***Funding Partners***

***Healthy Habits for  
Youth***

***Mental Health  
Awareness***

***Substance Abuse***

***Basic Needs***

***In partnership with:***

***The Leadership  
Council on Aging***

***Great Start  
Livingston***



# ***2013***

## ***Annual Report to the Community***



***“Ensuring a System of  
Support  
for Members of Our  
Community”***

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**Message from the Chair**

The members of the Livingston County Human Services Collaborative Body (HSCB) are excited to share our 2013 Annual Report to the Community. A great deal has occurred in the world of health and human services to impact the work of each of our members and the priorities of the HSCB. From federal sequestration to local collaboration, the health and human service world has contended with many struggles and with many successes. This Annual Report highlights many important examples of human service collaboration throughout Livingston County. This continued cooperation and team work decreases duplication, strengthens service delivery and maximizes the investment of time, talent and treasure. 2013 brought a change in the Collaborative Community Planner position, with Lindsay Beaudry returning to her Colorado home and Anne Rennie joining us in this critical position. Each of us within the HSCB is very grateful for Lindsay's efforts over the past 5 years and will remember her warmly for many years to come. We are pleased to welcome Anne and look forward to working with her into the future. On a personal note, I leave the position of Chairperson very grateful to all of the HSCB members, particularly the Executive Committee. Livingston County is fortunate to have so many health and human service professionals who have made a strong commitment to this community and I have been blessed to work closely with this group for many years. On behalf of the officers and other HSCB members, we are proud to be able to contribute to the life and health of Livingston County. If you are not a part of our work groups, we encourage you to join. Please contact Anne Rennie at [arennie@cmhliv.org](mailto:arennie@cmhliv.org) or 517-586-2039 for additional information.

-Mark T. Robinson



**HSCB Mission**

***“Ensuring a system of support for  
members of our community”***

**HSCB Values**

- We believe the needs of children, adults, and families drive our planning and services.
- We believe that collaboration means shared stewardship of community resources for the common good of Livingston County.
- We believe that collaboration requires broad community representation.
- We believe the HSCB is responsible for developing continuums of service from prevention to treatment.
- We believe the HSCB should ensure that community members needing services from multiple agencies receive services as efficiently and effectively as possible by creating systems of care.
- We believe that the HSCB should provide a caring community for Livingston County residents by supporting each other's work.

**What is the Purpose of the Human Services  
Collaborative Body?**

The Livingston HSCB started in 1989 and was officially recognized as the county Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body by the state and county Board of Commissioners in 1995. Now, referred to as a “Community Collaborative” by the state, the HSCB is comprised of 26 appointed members who work together to coordinate health and human services across systems. The HSCB also:

- Develops strategies and programs to meet current and future needs
- Fiscally manages state-funded collaborative initiatives
- Monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of collaborative projects

The HSCB does this work through established committees and workgroups which have specific goals and objectives to complete. The HSCB and most workgroups meet monthly and consist of representatives from public and nonprofit organizations, business, and interested residents of the county. To learn more about the work of the HSCB, contact Anne Rennie at 517-586-2039 or [arennie@cmhliv.org](mailto:arennie@cmhliv.org).





Network of the HSCB & Affiliated Collaborative Groups	Role within the Community
Basic Needs Workgroup	Works to address the most fundamental needs of individuals.
Community Needs Assessment & Evaluation Committee	Assesses health and human service needs in Livingston County & assists in the evaluation of collaborative projects
Foster, Adoption, and Kinship Services (FAKS)	Works to increase the number of local foster homes & provides supports for foster parents & children
Funding Partners	Monitors collaborative projects in Livingston County
Healthy Habits for Youth	Works to connect service organizations and schools towards helping youth establish healthy habits for life.
Substance Abuse - Treatment	Provides education & training on substance abuse information and trends in Livingston County
Substance Abuse - Prevention (LCCA)	Focuses on substance abuse prevention in the county
Transportation Coalition	Collaborates to identify and address transportation concerns in Livingston County
Homeless Continuum of Care	Advocating and supporting homelessness prevention in Livingston County
Mental Health Awareness Committee	Developed a suicide prevention plan for Livingston County
Leadership Council on Aging- Affiliate Collaborative	Implementing the Livingston County Senior Needs Assessment recommendations
Great Start Livingston- Affiliate Collaborative	Implementing Livingston County Great Start Plan

## Workgroup Accomplishments of 2013

### Foster, Adoption and Kinship Services (FAKS Workgroup)

*This group comes together to support and recruit parents for our foster/adoption children.*

- Fundraisers to support families.
- CPR Trainings.
- Mentor Program with Big Brother/Big Sisters and Michigan Youth Opportunity Initiative (MYOI).
- Foster Parent recognition dinner.
- Summer Picnic for foster/kinship families.
- Christmas Party for foster/kinship families.



### Homeless Continuum of Care Workgroup

*This group works to end homelessness in the county.*

- Connected all service providers to ensure winter utility needs were covered.
- Created a flow chart to help consumers navigate the homeless services available to them.
- Created an awareness campaign for county.
- Began creating a coordinated assessment.
- Worked with faith-based community to support county homeless.
- Aligned efforts with the state's 10 year plan to eliminate homelessness.

### Healthy Habits for Youth Workgroup

This group was formed at the end of this year to foster and promote a countywide approach to youth's health. The group will focus on healthy eating and physical activity.

### Community Needs Workgroup

*This group assesses the Health and Human Services Needs and helps to evaluate collaborative projects in Livingston County.*

- Reviewed county-wide data to ensure priority needs are being addressed.
- Developed and distributed fact sheets.
- Began the process for creating a Livingston County Data Dashboard using key local data indicators.
- Assisting the Health Department in preparing a 2014 Community needs assessment.



### **Transportation Coalition**

*This group works to support the county's transportation needs.*

- Received a \$5,000 grant to support transportation needs in county.
- Connects the county's transportation providers to reduce gaps.
- Work to keep the county's most vulnerable (seniors, veterans, disabled) engaged in the community.
- Advocacy for above groups.



Community Connect 2013 linked 450 volunteers to over 1,000 community members for a day of care and health.

### **Substance Abuse Workgroup**

*This group combined treatment and prevention to ensure coordinated approaches to the challenges of substance abuse.*

- 74 professionals were trained on "The Impact of Marijuana and the Development of Youth".
- Collaborated with the FAKS committee to train county professionals and establish financial capacity.
- 54 parents attended the presentation "If it is The End of Men, What Will Become of The Boys?"
- Worked with local pharmacies to provide a drug take back event.
- Run Against Drugs generated \$4,000 and was able to support 6 mini-grants.
- A town hall meeting was held in July about substance use in our county.

*Kid's  
Connect and  
Backpack  
Giveaway a  
Huge  
Success!!*

### **Funding Partners Workgroup**

*This group comes together to monitor collaborative projects in the county.*

- Provided oversight for Wraparound Services and Family Partner Services.
- 80% of high risk youth served made statistically significant improvements in functioning and remained in least restrictive settings through Wraparound.
- Family Partner Services reduces the risk of abuse and neglect and improved the well-being of over 90% of families served.
- Identified and addressed gaps and barriers to service.
- Celebrating 20 years of Wraparound in Livingston County in 2014!



### **Mental Health Awareness Committee**

*This group works to develop a suicide prevention plan for Livingston County.*

- Worked with all local superintendents and school districts to discuss ideas and responses to students at risk for suicide or non-suicidal self-harming behaviors.
- All 9<sup>th</sup> grade students at Howell HS received the Mental Health Awareness Curriculum and pre-post inventory for learning.

### **Hunger Council**

*This group comes together to find sustainable solutions for hunger in Livingston County.*

- Received a signed tribute from Governor Snyder, Representatives Denby and Rogers and Senator Hune for being the 1<sup>st</sup> county in the state to close the "hunger gap".
- Hosted a viewing of "A Place at the Table" along with a panel discussion.
- Supports funding for the Community Garden projects.
- Supports Summer Lunch Bunch which served over 1,800 meals at 5 sites last summer.
- Provides weekend meals for homebound seniors.
- Provided Holiday food boxes.
- Continued to support Cooking Matters, mobile pantries and emergency food.

### **Basic Needs Workgroup**

*This group comes together to support the county's gaps in basic needs.*

- The group used 60% of their funds to support funding for housing, shelter and utility payments.
- Initiated the "getting Ahead in a just Getting by World" program.
- Supported gas cards and the high school car repair programs.
- Held Community Connect, Summer Community Connect and Bridges out of Poverty.
- Funded legal services of South Central Michigan for an eviction diversion program.

### **HSCB 2013 Priorities**

- ✓ Combating Violence within the Community
- ✓ Work together to support and eliminate barriers to achieving basic needs
- ✓ Making the county desirable for seniors to age in place
- ✓ Combating Substance Abuse in our county
- ✓ Helping children to be safe, healthy and eager to succeed in school and life
- ✓ Increase awareness and engage the community in pro-wellness activities
- ✓ Create linkages to support productive and short-lived unemployment



# HSCB Affiliated Collaborative Groups

## Livingston Leadership Council on Aging

*This group works to implement the recommendations from the Senior Needs Assessment*

- Worked with United Way to offer AARP Driver's Safety Courses.
- Worked with Area Agency on Aging 1B to offer the evidence-based Enhanced Fitness classes throughout the county.
- Put the final touches on the Michigan Community for a Lifetime Assessment Application.
- Linked with 7 local Senior Centers to complete assessments and gather data.

## Great Start Livingston

*This group works to implement the Livingston County Great Start Plan*

- Held a Kindergarten Summit for school administrators and teachers, early childhood providers and parents.
- Held first training on how to use the Kindergarten Observation Survey.
- 13 of the committee's members presented at the Annual Community Sharing for Healthy Caring Conference. Over 1,000 people were in attendance.
- Child Connect for Family Success were able to offer 15 trainings for Early Childhood providers.
- Backpacks for Kids and Connect for Kids Event. 1,237 Backpacks were filled.

